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THINGS YOU
NEED TO KNOW

SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

Air quality is a serious matter to anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of a belch of diesel exhaust out the back of a truck or bus. While transit agencies like SEPTA are increasing their commitments to non-polluting vehicles, investing in hybrid-diesel and compressed natural gas buses, and piloting programs to use fully electric buses, environmentalists say it's too little, too late. In a new report, PennEnvironment argues that 20,000 tons of emissions in Philly's atmosphere would be averted if SEPTA would convert to a fully electric bus fleet, but the economics of electric buses may make that tricky. Read more on page 4 and at metrophilly.us.

WELCOME TO
METRO PHILLYTRUMP ADMITS TO PAYING
PORN STAR AFTER DENIALS

President Donald Trump said Thursday his personal lawyer was paid back through a monthly retainer, not campaign funds, for the \$130,000 given to adult-film star Stormy Daniels to stop "false and extortionist accusations" she made about a sexual encounter with him. Trump, who in April told reporters he did not know about the payment to Daniels made by his lawyer Michael Cohen the month before the 2016 election or the source of the money, said on Twitter the funds were part of a "private agreement" that involved money that had "nothing to do

with the campaign." In his fullest account to date regarding the payment to Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, Trump acknowledged the nondisclosure agreement with her to secure her silence about what she has called a one-night sexual encounter with Trump in 2006. Trump also forcefully denied the affair. "The agreement was used to stop the false and extortionist accusations made by her about an affair ... despite already having signed a detailed letter admitting that there was no affair," Trump wrote, adding that Daniels and her lawyer had violated it.

TWITTER URGES ALL USERS
TO CHANGE PASSWORDS

Twitter urged its more than 330 million users to change their passwords after a glitch caused some to be stored in readable text on its internal computer system rather than disguised by a process known as "hashing." The social network disclosed the issue in a blog post and series of Tweets on Thursday afternoon, saying it had resolved the problem and an internal investigation had found no indication passwords were stolen or misused by insiders. Still, it urged all users to consider changing their passwords. "We fixed the bug and have no indication of a breach or

misuse by anyone," Chief Executive Jack Dorsey said in a Tweet. "As a precaution, consider changing your password on all services where you've used this password." The blog did not say how many passwords were affected. A person familiar with the company's response said the number was "substantial" and that they were exposed for "several months." The disclosure comes as lawmakers and regulators around the world scrutinize the way that companies store and secure consumer data, after a string of security incidents at Equifax, Facebook and Uber Technologies.

3D MAPPING SHOW PROJECTED
ON GALATA TOWER IN ISTANBUL

3 People watch as 3D graphics are projected onto Istanbul's famous Galata tower during a 3D video mapping show promoting the Istanbul Youth Festival on May 3 in Istanbul, Turkey. The youth festival brings young people together from all across the country to take part in concerts, sports and arts activities.

GIULIANI WANTS LIMITS
FOR TRUMP INTERVIEW

4 President Donald Trump's new chief lawyer said Thursday that if his client agrees to an interview with special counsel Robert Mueller, it should be limited to a few hours and focus on Russian tampering in the 2016 election. Asked which questions might be appropriate, Rudy Giuliani, a former New York mayor, suggested two to Reuters: "Was there some agreement with the Russians? Was there any meeting of Trump with the Russians?" A former federal prosecutor, Giuliani said he was the president's new chief counsel in the Russia investigation but that he would

also keep an eye on a U.S. inquiry into a \$130,000 hush payment by longtime Trump attorney Michael Cohen to a porn star who said she had a 2006 sexual encounter with Trump. Giuliani said he wanted any Trump interview with Mueller to be limited in time and scope, suggesting for only 2-1/2 hours and not under oath. In addition to the Russia questions, Giuliani said investigators could ask about possible obstruction of justice related to Trump's firing a year ago of then-FBI Director James Comey. The two sides have been negotiating the terms of a possible interview for months.

WH: PRISONER RELEASE
WOULD BE GOODWILL MOVE

5 The White House said Thursday it would welcome the release of three Americans imprisoned in North Korea as a goodwill gesture before a planned summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, but that it could not confirm reports that they are about to be freed. Expectations have grown that North Korea would soon release the three ahead of the unprecedented summit in the coming weeks. Rudy Giuliani, Trump's new main lawyer, told Fox News Channel that Pyongyang would release them as early as Thursday. It was

not immediately clear whether Giuliani had direct knowledge of negotiations around the issue. CNN, citing an unnamed source, said on Thursday the prisoners' release was imminent, adding the groundwork for the move was laid two months ago. "We can't confirm the validity of any of the reports currently out about their release, but we certainly would see this as a sign of goodwill if North Korea were to release the three Americans ahead of discussions between President Trump and Kim Jong Un," White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders told reporters.

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NEWS

Philadelphia needs more electric buses, environmental group says

State eco-organization urges accelerated conversion of mass transit vehicles to ease effects of diesel emission.



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Philadelphia's children are, on average, twice as likely as kids around the nation to develop asthma.

ma. Statewide, about 28 percent of Pennsylvania schoolchildren missed days of school due to asthma symptoms, a recent Pennsylvania Department of Health report found. While there are many factors behind

respiratory illnesses, one of them is considered to be diesel emissions from automobiles like buses, and a local environmental group is calling on transit agencies to shift away from all diesel-burning vehicles to create a

better future for kids.

"Diesel isn't just smoke, as my daughters used to call it when they would hold their breath as they passed an idling bus or a truck on the street," said Mollie Michel, a member of Moms Clean Air Force who rallied outside Philadelphia City Hall on Thursday with PennEnvironment, who released a report that calls on SEPTA and other urban transit agencies to convert their bus fleets to fully electric. "It is exhaust that also contains tiny particles of pollution that often include toxic metals and chemicals. These tiny particles can lodge deep in our lungs and they are small enough, just a fraction of the width of a human hair, that they can penetrate our lungs and go right into our bloodstream, causing even bigger problems."

Dirty air is a real problem of concern to Philly moms, and who turned out to support PennEnvironment's calls pressuring cities and transit agencies to bulk up their zero-emissions bus fleets.

"There is no higher level of pollutants than when children are being let off or being taken into their school buses at the beginning and end of the day," said Robin Roberts, an activist with Parents United for Public Education. "Those buses are sitting around the school, they are idling all the time that they are there. If we can move to a place where we can help our

BY THE NUMBERS

22,256

Tons of greenhouse gas that would be averted per year by SEPTA converting to fully electric buses

1,416

Total number of SEPTA buses, 669 diesel and 747 hybrid-diesel

Source: PennEnvironment

children breathe better, live better, then I think that's something we should do."

Their call for conversion to full electric includes the School District of Philadelphia and its estimated 1,500 diesel school buses.

SEPTA is due to get 25 zero-emissions, fully electric buses later this year. Obtained through a federal grant, it will make SEPTA's electric bus fleet the largest of any large East Coast city. The city is also planning to get 525 new hybrid-electric buses, and by 2021, says 95 percent of its bus fleet will be hybrid-electric.

"Any new diesel buses purchased now will continue polluting for years to come since transit and school buses have lifespans longer than a decade," PennEnvironment wrote in its report. "Considering all of America's nearly 70,000 transit buses and 480,000 school buses will have to be replaced in the next 15 to 20 years, there is room for large-scale adoption of electric buses."

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Bill Cosby's wife slams prosecutor, accusers for husband's recent guilty verdict

Camille Cosby said "America's Dad" was railroaded by a self-serving system.

Bill Cosby's wife of more than 50 years jumped to his defense Thursday, calling his sexual-assault conviction last week a false verdict that came at the hands of a corrupt prosecutor, a pliant press and a lying accuser.

Camille Cosby said her husband, once a beloved actor and comedian known as "America's Dad" for his role in a popular 1980s TV show, was railroaded by a self-serving system that she said demanded a criminal investigation of his prosecutors.

"This is mob justice, not real justice," she said in a statement issued by her publicist. "This tragedy must be undone not just for Bill Cosby, but for the country."

A jury of seven men and five women convicted Cosby, 80, on April 26 of drugging and sexually assaulting Andrea Constand, 45, in 2004. He faces up to 10 years in prison for each of three counts of aggravated indecent assault.

Cosby's lawyers said they would appeal the verdict. He remains free on \$1 million bail.

Camille Cosby, 74, who attended her husband's three-week trial in Norristown, Pennsylvania, only during closing arguments, claimed Constand had concocted the sexual assault claim in the hope of winning a civil judgment against the actor.

"I firmly believe her recent testimony during trial was perjured; as was shown at trial, it was unsupported by any evidence and riddled with innumerable, dishonest contradictions," she said, echoing an argument that defense

lawyers had made during the trial.

Constand is one of more than 50 women who have accused Cosby of sexually assaulting them. The rest of them had passed the legal time limit for prosecution when they stepped forward with their claims.

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Camille Cosby

Unlike Cosby's first trial last June, in which jurors were unable to reach a verdict, the judge at the second trial allowed the testimonies of five of the other accusers, who said Cosby had assaulted them in a similar way to how Constand said he had assaulted her.

Without mentioning him by name, Camille Cosby accused Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele "and his cohorts" of advancing themselves professionally and economically at her husband's expense.

The press, she claimed, had demonized her husband and unquestioningly accepted his accusers' allegations "without any attendant proof."

She invoked the names of two other African American men — Emmett Till and Darryl Hunt — who were falsely accused of sexually assaulting white women.

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Kids played outside during the Thursday afternoon heat. ALL PHOTOS KAIT MOORE

Philly feels the heat

Philadelphia hasn't been this hot in a long time. After three days of humidity and temps in the high 80s and 90s, nearly reaching record highs for this time of year set seven years ago, many people were trying to

find ways to cool off, like this creative youngster spotted splashing in the fountains at Dilworth Park. The weekend isn't expected to be as hot, with cloudy skies, and temps ranging from upper 60s to low 70s and

possible rain on Sunday. Cool off while you can; temps are expected to back up to the 70s and stay there or higher for the rest of the summer, with temps in the 80s expected as early as the week May 14. SAM NEWHOUSE



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FOREMAN FORECAST: THE 'BEST' INFO?

ANALYSIS

TOM FOREMAN

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."



Like the final player on the losing side of a dodgeball game, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders is doing some pretty fancy ducking and diving. Facing a daily barrage of questions from reporters — much of it keyed to President Trump's shifting versions of the facts — she has resorted to a stock answer: "We give the very best information that we have at the time."

In other words, when she says something that proves to be untrue, misleading or uninformed, she shouldn't be taken to task because she didn't know any better. Having spent more than 40 years dealing with press spokespeople representing everything from local police departments to major corporations to — yes — other presidents, I can assure you this is an entirely inadequate defense.

First, because while press secretaries are all about presenting positive

views of the president, that cannot include willful deception. You can say you don't know the answer to some question. You can say you misunderstood something you were told. You can say you won't comment. You can say, "Sorry, we're out of time." But if you forward an outright lie to voters, you own it. It is now part of your professional reputation, not just the boss's.

Second, press secretaries are the public's most direct link to the inner sanctums of the White House. That demands responsible, reliable information. The press secretary is supposed to know what is happening, when and why. Sure, some matters may be above the secretary's pay grade, but that does not excuse habitually promoting false or misleading "facts" then begging off with "I'm giving the best information I have."

And third, when you repeatedly spout off about



White House press secretary Sarah Sanders has resorted to a stock answer: "We give the very best information that we have at the time." GETTY IMAGES

things you don't know (or worse, things you know to be lies) people will learn not to believe you, and then even your truths will become suspect.

Sure, we all make mistakes, but when a reporter habitually gets information wrong — he or she gets gone. With her litany of spurious

"facts," Sarah Sanders would not last a week in a decent newsroom. And saying she was giving it her "best" would be no defense.

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Meet Emerdata, the newly rebranded Cambridge Analytica

Wednesday, it was reported that Cambridge Analytica, the Trump-connected data-mining firm that improperly accessed Facebook data of 87 million people, was shutting down. But many of that company's principal players are associated with a new company called Emerdata.

Emerdata was incorporated in the UK in August 2017 and registered under the same address as Cambridge Analytica in London's Canary Wharf. The board of directors includes Rebekah and Jennifer Mercer, daughters of hedge-fund billionaire and primary Cambridge Analytica investor Robert Mercer.

On Medium, journalist Wendy Siegelman compiled an org chart of Emerdata, illustrating how several of the Cambridge Analytica principals are involved. They include Julian Wheatland, chairman of Cambridge Analytica parent firm



Billionaire Robert Mercer funds the Make America No.1 PAC. GETTY IMAGES

SCL Group, and Trump supporter Erik Prince, founder of Blackwater and brother-in-law of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

The timing of the "shutdown" may have something to do with ongoing hearings in the UK's Parliament about Facebook and Cambridge Analytica, and whether the company helped bad actors interfere in the Brexit referendum. On Wednesday, a data expert testified that Cambridge Analytica used psychological insights derived from Facebook in the Trump

campaign.

In addition to primarily funding Cambridge Analytica, Robert Mercer funds the Make America No. 1 PAC, which paid Cambridge Analytica \$1.5 million during 2015 and 2016. In March, the Washington Post reported that future presidential adviser and Breitbart chairman Steve Bannon oversaw Cambridge Analytica's data collection and had tested Trump slogans such as "drain the swamp" and "deep state" well before Trump deployed them during the campaign. MICHAEL MARTIN

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New Arthritis Painkiller Works on Contact and Numbs the Pain in Minutes

New cream works faster and is more targeted than oral medications. Key ingredients penetrate the skin within minutes to relieve joint arthritis pain. Users report significant immediate relief.

By Robert Ward
Associated Health Press

BOSTON – Innovus Pharmaceuticals has introduced a new arthritis pain relief treatment that works in minutes.

Sold under the brand name *Apeaz™*, the new pain relief cream numbs the nerves right below the skin.

When applied to an arthritic joint, or a painful area on the body, it delivers immediate relief that lasts for hours and hours.

The powerful painkilling effect is created by the cream's active ingredient, a special medical compound.

Anesthetics are used in hospitals during surgery. They block nerve signals from the brain so that patients don't feel pain and they work fast.

The anesthetic found in *Apeaz™* is the strongest available without a prescription.

The cream form allows users to directly target their area of pain. It works where it is applied. The company says this is why the product is so effective and fast acting.

"Users can expect to feel relief immediately after applying," explains Dr. Bassam Damaj, President of Innovus Pharmaceuticals.

"There will be a pleasant warming sensation that is followed by a cool, soothing one. This is how you know that the active ingredients have reached the infected joint and tissue."

Works In Minutes

For arthritis sufferers, *Apeaz* offers impressive advantages over traditional medications. The most obvious is how quickly it relieves discomfort.

The cream contains the maximum approved dose of a top anesthetic, which penetrates the skin in a matter of minutes to numb the area that's

in pain. This relief lasts for several hours.

Additional ingredients in the cream help suppress inflammation around tissues and joints. Published pre-clinical studies have shown that the ingredients in *Apeaz™* can also prevent further bone and cartilage destruction.

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Those with terrible arthritis in their hands and fingers, love how easy *Apeaz™* is to open. The jar fits in the palm of the hand, which makes it much easier to use.

Instant Pain Relief Without a Prescription

Many *Apeaz™* users report significant improvements in daily aches and pain. Many more report increased flexibility and less stiffness. They are moving pain free for the first time in years, like Henry Esber, an early user of *Apeaz™*.

"I've tried more pills than I can count. I've also had a handful of cortisone shots. Nothing is as effective as this product. With *Apeaz™*, I get relief right away. I rub a little on my knees and some through my hands. It keeps the pain away. It also prevents the pain from getting really bad. It's completely changed my life."

How It Works

"*Apeaz™* contains the highest, non-prescription dose of a medical compound that fights pain on con-



Apeaz™: Quick Acting Pain and Arthritis Cream is Now Available Without a Prescription

tact. When applied to the skin it goes to work within minutes by penetrating right to the source of your pain, numbing the nerve endings."

"This is why *Apeaz™* is so effective for people with arthritis. It reduces pain while adding an additional layer of joint protection," explains Damaj.

A New Way to Treat Pain

Although Dr. Damaj and his team say that their cream is the fastest and most effective way to relieve arthritis pain, they believe there is still a reason to take joint pills. **The most effective are those which help to further strengthen and support the joints.**

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ArthriVarx™ works on your joints, making it the perfect companion to *Apeaz™*.

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"When combined with *Apeaz™*, it becomes the perfect system to tackle arthritis. While the anesthetic component of *Apeaz™* is working on the outside, relieving pain on contact, *ArthriVarx™* is working on the inside, adding cushioning to the joints"

A Powerful Combination For Arthritis and Joint Pain

With daily use, *Apeaz™* plus *ArthriVarx™* helps users live a more

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You can now enjoy an entirely new level of comfort that's both safe and affordable. It is also extremely effective, especially if nothing else has worked well for you.

How to Get *Apeaz™* in Pennsylvania

This is the official public release of *Apeaz™*. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to any joint-pain arthritis-sufferer who calls within the next 48 hours.

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Show up in your best Star Wars costume and you can win prizes at several events around the city.
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"Star Wars" fans get festive for their special day.



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With mere weeks to go until the latest chapter in the "Star Wars" universe, "Solo," makes its debut in theaters, venues all over the city are marking Star Wars Day with a galaxy's worth of special offerings, events and nerdy goodness. Grab your lightsaber, hop into your tie fighter, and check out some of what's being offered.

1 "Star Wars" Burlesque, Live Music & Art Show! Broad Street Burlesque adds the Jedi touch to its already colorful performance. "Star Wars Episode VI: The Last Jedi" will be told through nerdy

burlesque acts Maki Roll, Liberty Rose, Bugalu Boogie, Foxworth Vorn, Maso Kiss, Pizza Wolf, Louise La Tease and America Online. Additionally, magic will be performed by Francis Menotti (of ABC's "Deception") and music will be offered by — appropriately — Wookiedelphia.

If you go:
8 p.m., tickets \$19-35
Warehouse on Watts
923 N. Watts St.
215-853-6358

2 First Friday: May the 4th Be With You, Featuring Dumbkat Press Local art studio Dumbkat Press has chosen Star Wars Day as the debut date for its first ever First Friday event. Stop on into the Alchemist Society to enjoy "Star Wars"-themed art and even origami (how cool will the Millennium Falcon look as an origami piece?)

by Dumbkat Press' own artist Tessa Shackelford. Beer and cocktails will also be served.

If you go:
7 p.m., free
Alchemist Society
1100 N. Front St., Suite 102,
610-529-8258

3 "Star Wars" Night at South Street Cinema The wonderful new movie theater South Street Cinema will be using its weekly Retro Friday night to mark Star Wars Day. The evening includes a series of "Star Wars" fan films as well as a "mystery" special feature, all presented by G33Kamania. What's more, those who show up in "Star Wars"-themed costumes will be granted free admission — provided you aren't dressed as Jar Jar Binks, of course.

If you go:
7:30 p.m., tickets \$5 (or free

with costume)
South Street Cinema
327 South St.

4 Star Wars Day at Atomic City Comics The nerdiest location on South Street certainly isn't going to let May the 4th pass by uncanceled — not even on the eve of Free Comic Book Day! All day long, the store will be having a sale on all kinds of "Star Wars"-themed merchandise while the movies' John Williams scores will play in the background, coupled with the movies playing on the store's large screen TV.

If you go:
Atomic City Comics
638 South St.,
215-625-9613

5 Nerdy By Nature Open Mic: May the 4th Be With You! At Amalgam Comics in

Fishtown, the Nerdy By Nature open mic fills the unique venue on the first Friday of every month. This month, the comedy group is paying tribute to the "Star Wars" universe, encouraging prospective and even seasoned comedic, musical and storytelling acts to don "Star Wars" costumes and/or center their routines around George Lucas' masterpiece.

If you go:
8:30 p.m., sign-up \$5
Amalgam Comics & Coffeehouse
2578 Frankford Ave.
215-427-3300

6 May the Force Feed You: A Star Wars Art Show Artists will be showcasing their "Star Wars"-inspired work at the legendary Tattooed Mom on South Street. Admission to the show

is free and there will be prize raffles to benefit Philabundance. What's more, you can saunter on over to the "cantina" and enjoy half-priced drinks and drafts through 11 p.m.

If you go:
6 p.m., free
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7 May the 4th Be With You — A Star Wars Event

Land your tie fighter in Old City and head to Infusion Lounge to celebrate Star Wars Day. They'll be offering a variety of special "Star Wars"-themed drinks and shots all night long, and will also be hosting a cosplay contest.

If you go:
10 p.m., tickets \$10-20
Infusion Lounge
16 S. 2nd St., 2nd Floor,
267-908-4009



South Street Cinema will honor May the 4th by showing "Star Wars" fan films and is giving out free admission to those in costume!



Amalgam Comics and Coffeehouse in Fishtown will be dedicating their monthly Nerdy By Nature open mic night to all things "Star Wars."



Atomic City Comics on South Street will be having a sale on "Star Wars" merchandise while also playing the timeless score from the films.

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10pm DJ Eric Vanderslice

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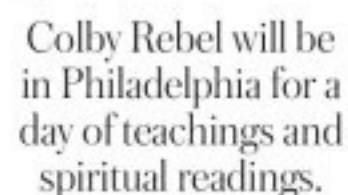
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On Saturday, May 5, psychic medium Colby Rebel will be at the Philadelphia Ethical Society, teaching a psychic development workshop and doing spiritual readings.

"The workshop is for anyone who is wanting to understand intuition and how to integrate it into their own life. A lot of people just don't understand what intuition is, and this is a fun way to understand it," Rebel says.

According to Rebel, everyone is born with intuition, but some forget to trust it.

"They start to doubt themselves," she says. "They start making a few wrong choices and forget that they have it."

So why is it important to develop intuitive skills?

"It's imperative. It helps us make better decisions about our careers, what spouses we choose," she says. "When you're in tune with it, you'll make choices that align with your path and purpose."

Rebel wasn't always a full-time psychic medium, and spent 14 years as a tax manager before committing to her new path.

"I did thousands and thousands of tax returns, and I was good at it and I enjoyed it — but it wasn't my purpose," she says. "When you can look at what you enjoy naturally — like if you're one of those

people who everyone asks for advice — part of your purpose is going to be counseling or being a teacher. Let's say you love gardening — you may [consider a career in] flower arrangement, design, landscape architecture. It's finding things you naturally enjoy."

While we all have intuition and can learn to develop it with practice, psychic ability isn't something we're all born with, she claims.

"It's extrasensory perception. We can all see, hear and feel, but some people are more sensitive and are able to capture more feelings that not everyone else can. They link it all together to create messages," Rebel says.

And what exactly is mediumship?

"It's literally having the ability to connect to

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those who have passed on," she says. "You communicate. It's the craziest thing. It's so real. The continued souls of our loved ones still live on."

After the morning workshop on psychic development, Rebel will be doing spiritual readings in the afternoon.

"Our loved ones are so much more around us than we realize, but we get so focused on not having that physical voice or hug — but

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they're all around us," she says.

She adds that she believes our idea of heaven being somewhere above us is somewhat skewed.

"Heaven is next to you," she says. "It's an invisible veil on the other side of where you are. Think of an invisible wall just beside us, rather than above us."

For more information on Colby Rebel, visit: colbyrebel.com.



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Not the next 'Arrested Development' ...

Season Four reedited ahead of Season Five announcement.

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Unfurl the banners and gather the family: The Bluths are back. Sort of.

"Arrested Development" creator Mitch Hurwitz has released a new, reedited version of season four of the satire, which follows the downfall of the once wealthy Bluths.

Launching May 4 on Netflix, the new, edited version is titled "Arrested Development: Season Four Remix: Fateful Consequences," and consists of 22 interwoven, linear episodes recut from the original 15.

Released in 2013, fans



Not exactly the new season we've been waiting for, but it'll do. For now. IMAGES FROM GETTY

of the cult series had a mixed response to the original season four. While seasons one-three were told in a linear narrative, season four's episodes focused on an individual character's nar-

rative arc, described by Hurwitz as a "Rashomon"-style of storytelling.

"The goal was that by the end of the season, a unified story of cause and effect would emerge for the view-full of surprises

about how the Bluths were responsible for most of the misery they had endured," he said.

While some fans loved it, finding it satisfying to finally get the joke after following different



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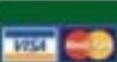
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The Bluths are back!

episodes, others found the episodes-long setup for punch lines tedious. Many see the re-edit as a response to this criticism.

The move to re-edit the story has been in the works for some time, with Hurwitz first discussing his director's cut in a 2014 interview.

"I pursued it as a comedic experiment to see if new jokes and a new perspective would emerge from a remix that

features all the Bluths in every episode, and where the simultaneity of the story plays out chronologically," says Hurwitz, in a message posted to the "Arrested Development" Twitter page.

"And I'm really excited about the final result. It's funny in a whole new way, and I believe it creates a really entertaining and hilarious new experience for the viewer."

The release comes

ahead of season five, which Hurwitz also flagged on social media as "... coming back to Netflix soon. Like real soon."

For loyal fans, the wait has been a long one: They held their breath for seven years just to get season four; and another five years for the upcoming season. The re-edit offers only limited respite.

However, Ron Howard, who narrates the series, posted a picture of him-

self in the studio on May 2, indicating post-production is in full swing.

"Funny stuff!" he tweeted.

"#ArrestedDevelopment as crazy as my schedule is, narration is always look forward to. Hard to keep a straight face tho #MitchHurwitz & co and hilarious cast are killing it in these episodes."

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Two shows are being developed based on the NXIVM scandal

New York Times exposé optioned by TV production company as "Smallville" actress freed on bail.



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With celebrity falls from grace dominating news headlines, actress Allison Mack's alleged role in the NXIVM sex slavery scandal looks set to be turned into a TV series. The 2017 New York Times feature on the cult has been optioned by Independent TV studio Annapurna Television, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

While no network is attached to the newly announced project, "Westworld" actress Shannon Woodward is listed as one of the executive producers.



Allison Mack, of "Smallville" fame, upon posting bail. GERRY

It's one of two shows being developed around the scandal. Deadline reported that "Psych" actress Sarah Edmondson and her husband are shooting a documentary based on their break with NXIVM and returning to normal life. Edmondson was a key source for the New York Times story.

The news of two new series related to NXIVM comes after the dramatic arrest of the accused head of the cult, Keith Raniere, in Mexico in March. Extradited to the United States, he was charged with sex trafficking, sex trafficking conspiracy and forced labor conspiracy, and refused bail.

In April, Allison Mack, best known for her role as wholesome Chloe Sullivan on the teen Superman drama, "Smallville," was arrested and charged with sex trafficking and conspiracy to commit forced

labor. Accused of being the second in command of the sex-trafficking cult, Mack was released on \$5 million bail in New York last week.

Both were charged after the publication of Barry Meier's Times article, titled "Inside a Secretive Group Where Women Are Branded," which revealed a complex master and slave system where in a sinister twist, the group "brands" the women with Raniere's initials.

Alongside Edmondson, dozens of women were interviewed for the article, including former "Dynasty" actress Catherine Oxenberg, who spoke out about her daughter's involvement in the group and concern for her wellbeing.

Her book, "Captivity: A Mother's Crusade to Save Her Daughter From a Terrifying Cult," will be released in August; Deadline also reported

a documentary is being developed based on the book — which, if headed for TV would make this the third series based on NXIVM to be developed.

While Meier's article did not identify Mack in the story, her subsequent arrest has garnered significant media coverage.

Mack's Twitter account reveals her attempts to contact and recruit various celebrities over the past years for the organization, including one tweet to Emma Watson claiming to represent a "unique human development & women's movement," as well as singer Kelly Clarkson, who she identified as a "Smallville" fan.

Fellow "Smallville" actress Kristin Kreuk was rumored to be involved in the group, but issued a statement on Twitter in March denying her involvement in any illegal activity.

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3 horses that could pull off an upset at 2018 Kentucky Derby

The Run for the Roses highlights Saturday evening from Churchill Downs.

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A Bob Baffert-trained colt once again has the target on his back going into the Kentucky Derby (Saturday, 6:30 p.m., NBC). Justify, a winner of all three starts to date, including the Santa Anita Derby, is the 3-1 morning-line favorite for this year's "Run for the Roses."

He's plenty fast on paper but will have to buck a longstanding trend regarding experience, as he failed to record a start at age two. He would be the first Derby winner to not race at two since Apollo in 1882. He'll also be making his first start outside Santa Anita when he travels to Churchill Downs this Saturday. Here are three entrants that could take America's most popular horse race if Justify fails to live up to the hype.

#9 HOFBURG (20-1) is the

horse with the most upside in what's probably the most competitive top-to-bottom Kentucky Derby field in years. He's raced just three times so far but does have 2-year-old seasoning, albeit he was fourth after a slow start and wide trip at Saratoga. Hofburg overcame significant trouble in his maiden score back in March before placing second in the Florida Derby, which has produced three of the last five Kentucky Derby winners. He continues to work well for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott and lures preeminent rider Irad Ortiz Jr. His pedigree is impeccable, suggesting the demanding Derby distance (1 1/4-miles) will be no problem for him. Hofburg will probably launch from well off the pace, which is projected to be strong.

#16 MAGNUM MOON (6-1) has answered the bell in every start to date, going 4-for-4 under the care of 2017 Derby-winning trainer Todd Pletcher, but history is not on his side. Like Justify, Magnum Moon did not race at two either. However, Magnum Moon began

his career in early January and has won at three different tracks in runaway style each time. That included a victory in the Arkansas Derby, which American Pharoah used as a springboard to the Kentucky Derby just three years ago. He can win from almost anywhere, but jockey Luis Saez will likely try to stalk the pace and keep Magnum Moon from dueling for the early lead. His mount should be able to negotiate 1 1/4-miles based on pedigree.

#15 INSTILLED REGARD (50-1) has had some excuses since his open-length score in January's Lecomte Stakes at the Fair Grounds, getting no pace to work within both the Risen Star and the Santa Anita Derby (he finished fourth in both). He should get the tempo he needs in the Kentucky Derby and the added ground should help him. Drayden Van Dyke, an up-and-coming California-based rider making his Derby debut, will be in the irons for Jerry Hollendorfer, who trained Battle of Midway to a third-place finish in last year's event.

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Nola showing he's a top arm in MLB

Philadelphia's young ace has been electric since the start of the season.

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In February, Richard Justice of MLB.com made a list of the 10 darkhorse Cy Young candidates for 2018. At the top of his list was Phillies right-hander Aaron Nola.

Part of Justice's reasoning was that, "he allowed two earned runs or fewer in 15 of his last 18 starts. Nola will probably need the Phillies to take a big leap toward contention to be in the NL Cy Young Award mix, but given the amount of young talent, they're in range of doing just that."

Justice couldn't have been more right.

Nola is off to a dominant start in 2018 and, after his performance

Wednesday night, has cemented himself atop the Phillies rotation and among the best pitchers in not only the National League but in the entire MLB.

Nola notched seven strikeouts on Wednesday in a 6-0 Phillies win over the Marlins, allowing just four hits and no runs in 7.1 innings. His ERA of 2.17 ranks sixth in the MLB and he picked up his fourth win, improving to 4-1, which moves him into second.

"That's what you need from a guy at the top of your rotation, right?" Phillies outfielder Rhys Hoskins said. "Pretty dominant throughout the whole game. Not a whole lot of stress. He stopped the bleeding. Nolas was Nolas, and we needed it."

At one point, Nola retired 17 consecutive batters on Wednesday, a feat that hasn't been accomplished by a Phillies pitcher since Cole



Aaron Nola is quickly becoming one of the best pitchers in the National League. GETTY IMAGES

Hamels' no-hitter in 2015. He's increased his starts of two runs or fewer to 21 of his last 25 starts.

"He has this electric fastball whenever he needs it and he's got a change-up to keep hitters off-balance and he always has his go-to curve ball," Phillies manager Gabe

Kapler said. "It's a lot for a hitter to think about. He's one of the best in baseball at making in-game adjustments. Really impressive tonight."

The entire Phillies pitching staff is feeding off of Nola's success. Their ERA as a team of 3.57 ranks sixth in the Na-

tional League. Opponents' batting average of .237 against the pitching staff also ranks sixth in the NL.

"You expect to win every night, you prepare to win every night, but whenever Nola's on the mound, you have an extra degree of confidence," Kapler said. "Look, base-

ball's a tricky game. It doesn't always work out that way. But we feel good knowing our stud is on the mound."

In Nola's rookie year, he reached five wins in his first eight starts. He'll have a chance to tie that record in his next start, but with a much better ERA. He's locked in and he seems to be getting better with each passing start.

"Whenever the change-up is right there, he's nasty like tonight," catcher Jorge Alfaro said. "I mean, what are you going to look for when you're hitting? Because he's got a really good curveball and the change-up is there like that, and his fastball is untouchable. When he's got those two pitches, it's like, wow. It's really fun to catch."

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OPINION

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I'm a '90s kid, so there is a certain hallowed ring to the name "Michael Jordan."

Even growing up as a New York Knicks fan and watching His Airness destroy the title hopes of my hero Patrick Ewing year in and year out, to the point in which I abhorred the man, there was no denying that we were watching the greatest player in NBA history.

So when I woke up the night after Jordan hit that famed game-winning step-back jumper in Game 6 of the 1998 NBA Finals against the Utah Jazz, 6-year-old Joe made the realization that there would never be a baller greater than MJ.

Well, 6-year-old Joe is on the cusp of being wrong, because I'm ready to classify LeBron James as the new G.O.A.T.

On one condition.

If it wasn't already impressive enough, James



LeBron James (left) and Michael Jordan (right) are considered two of the greatest players in NBA history. GETTY IMAGES

has to extend his streak of consecutive trips to NBA Finals to eight. That means getting his Cleveland Cavaliers past the Toronto Raptors and either the Boston Celtics or Philadelphia 76ers as the headliner of his team once again.

It will prove once again that James can will a team to the heights of the Eastern Conference despite having little to

no support around him. It's been an issue that has plagued him during most of his career with the Cavaliers.

Before I get into that, let's just look at the numbers one more time just to see how close these two really are.

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Jordan (15 years)- 1,072
James (15 years)- 1,143

POINTS PER GAME

Jordan- 30.1
James- 27.2

ALL-STAR SELECTIONS

Jordan- 11
James- 14

MVP AWARDS

Jordan- 5
James- 4

PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

Jordan- 13
James- 13

PLAYOFF PPG

Jordan- 33.4
James- 28.6

FINALS APPEARANCES

Jordan- 6
James- 8

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jordan- 6
James- 3

Four of LeBron's last seven Finals appearances came with the Miami Heat alongside Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, winning two of them, so you can't say that he's had no help during his career. But just take a look at this combined list of players that received substantial playing time when James carried them to a Finals appearance:

Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Anderson Varejao, Drew Gooden, Larry Hughes, Donyell Marshall, Kyrie Irving, Kevin Love, Tristan Thompson, Timofey Mozgov, J.R. Smith, Matthew Dellavedova, Channing Frye, Richard Jefferson

That's an awful lot of moving (and not very good) parts in just four

years.

Sweep it under the rug all you want, but Jordan had Scottie Pippen, another Hall of Famer, for 11 years. That automatically trumps what LeBron has had in Cleveland.

Put two Hall of Famers together in the Eastern Conference like that today and you'll get, well, LeBron and Dwyane Wade in Miami.

Take Pippen away from Jordan and the Bulls wouldn't have made six finals, and MJ certainly wouldn't have more Finals wins than "The King." The Utah Jazz, Seattle SuperSonics, Phoenix Suns and Houston Rockets would have made it a Western Conference-controlled decade.

But let's talk about what we definitely know. We've watched a man for the better part of 15 years carry a franchise and city that was on the canvas not just to relevancy, but to an elite status solely on his back.

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Copies of the foregoing item are available in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Council, Room 402, City Hall.

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Chief Clerk

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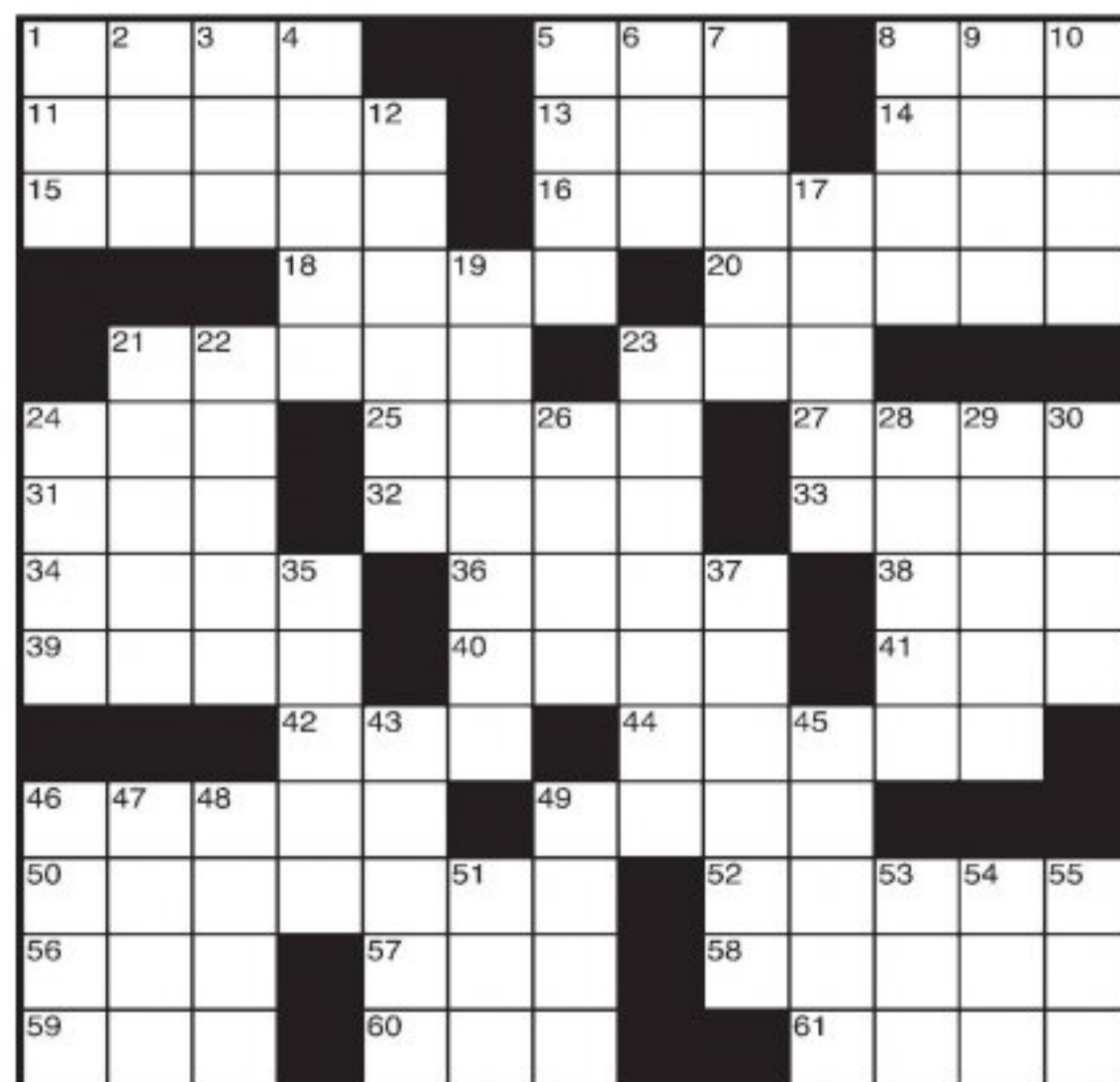
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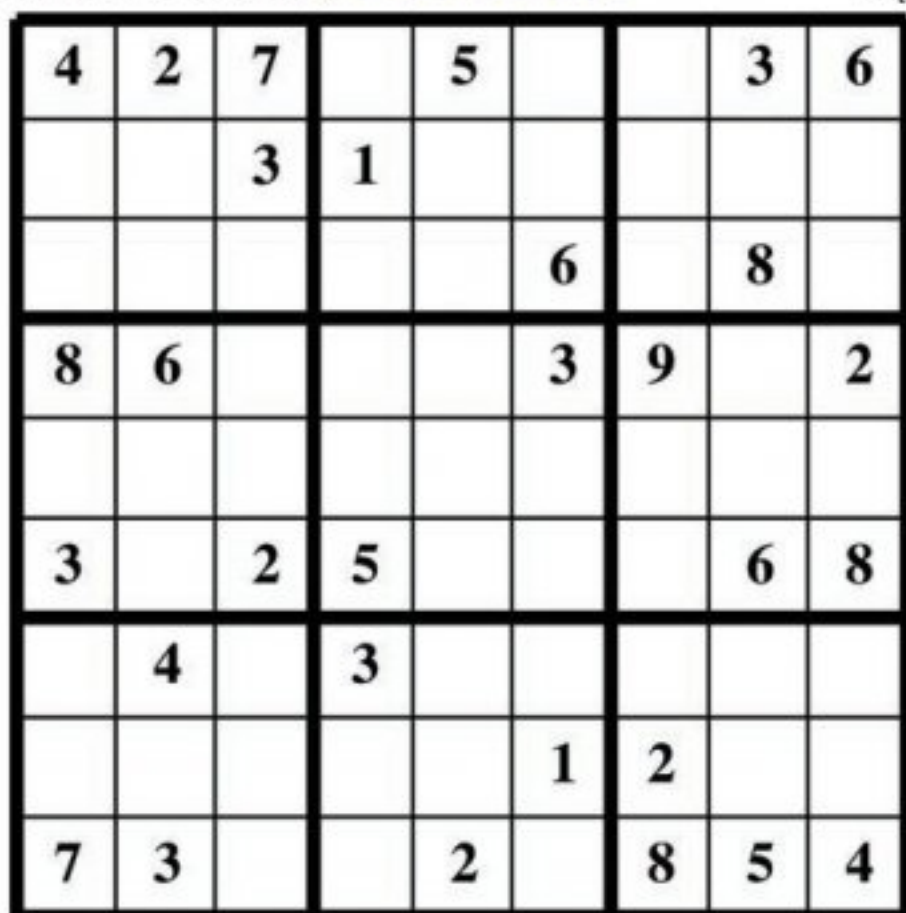
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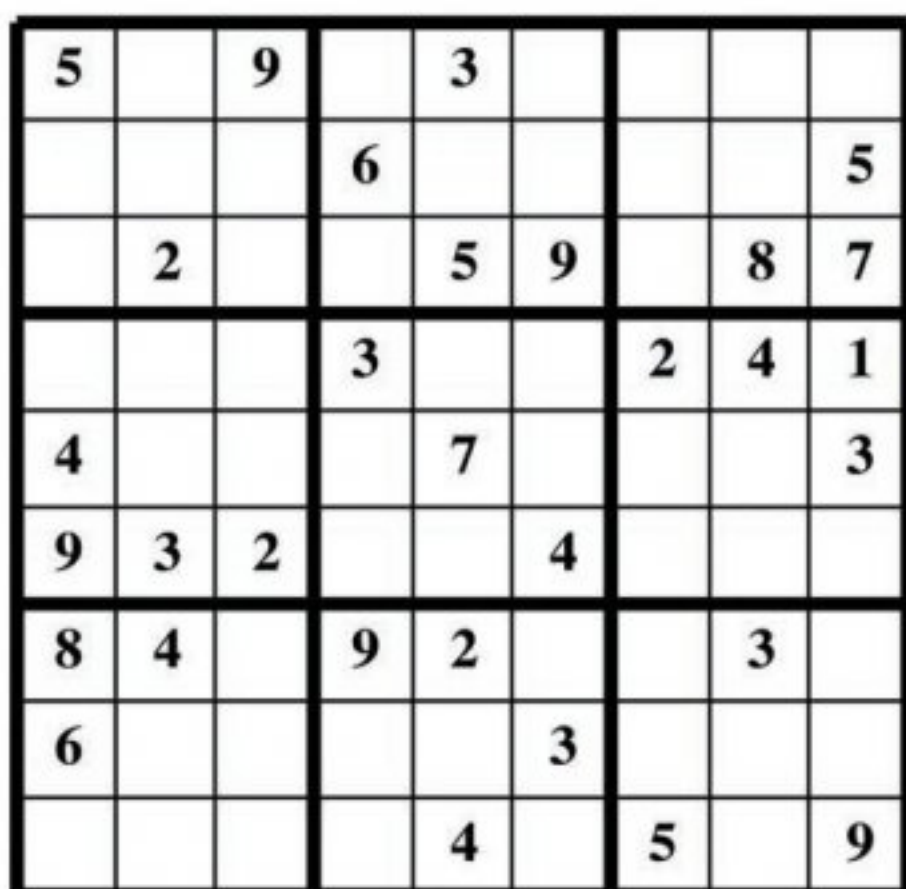


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Taurus Don't leave anything to chance or let someone else finish what you start. If you see matters through to the end, you'll have no regrets.



Gemini Put on the brakes if you've been overspending or taking on too much. Be smart when asked to take part in something that sounds too good to be true.



Cancer Mull over situations before you respond. Having a good understanding of how others feel will help you make a better choice for you and anyone your decision may affect.



Leo A change that could affect your position, reputation or status should be thought through carefully. Don't let someone else influence you if it's not in your best interest.



Virgo Make plans with friends or build your relationships with colleagues. Stepping outside the workplace will help you get to know them better.



Libra You may feel the need for change, but if you meet with opposition, you are best off backing down and finding out why you are facing resistance. Keep the peace.



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